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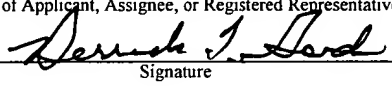
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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
ELECTRONIC INFORMATION DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF  
By: Masahito NIIKAWA, Naoki MASAZUMI, Kiyofumi HASHIMOTO, and Yasuhiro MORIMOTO  
Attorney Docket: 15162/01620

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to ELECTRONIC INFORMATION DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, Masahito NIIKAWA, Naoki MASAZUMI, Kiyofumi HASHIMOTO, and Yasuhiro MORIMOTO, inventors:

- (1) Specification;
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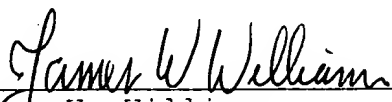
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- (5) Assignment of the invention to Minolta Co., Ltd., with Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
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**CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Submitted herewith is a certified copy of Japanese patent application number 11-078117, filed on March 23, 1999.

Priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 for this Japanese patent application is claimed for the above-identified United States patent application.

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